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## BOGUS BUTTER FRAUDS.

The report that vigorous prosecutions have been commenced against the dealers in "strictly first-class creamery butter" of the eleomargarine stripe promises lively times in that trade. A hundred dealers are said to be in a fair way of undergoing the civil and criminal penalties for that deception.

If there were any disposition to sell oleo margarine for what it really is, as a cheap substitute for butter, the public would support an amendment of the law prohibiting its sale. But the fact is clearly established that the old fraud is kept up, and that dealers sell oleomargine for the profit to be obtained by buying it as oleomargine at 11 cents and selling it, as butter, at 28 and 30 cents per pound.

When the business is purged of its deception and false pretenses it will be legitimate enough. Until then the vigorous enforcement of the law will be a protection to consumers against being cheated.

#### HARD TIMES FOR MILLERS.

It is calculated to impress everyone with the emptiness of human endeavor, to find the organ of the Minneapolis millers mourning over the impossibility of keeping wheat down and the consequent shrinkage of the millers' margins. Considering the steady decline of wheat from the speculative prices of last fall while flour has not undergone one-half the relative decline, this wail at failure to realize the millers' millenium of chean wheat and dear flour, discounts the most ambitious efforts of the horse-leechs' daughters. The expectation of advancing flour from the price which was originally based on \$1 10 wheat, if the price goes above a dollar in Chicago, may be interfered with by the refusal of the ungrateful publie to buy high-priced flour, and the stupidity of foreign consumers in buying flour from other countries. So that the millers are once more threatened with the bardship of having to content themselves with ordinary profits just like common peo-

## THE ACME OF STAGE REALISM.

Some allusion has already been made in our columns to the latest development in which has dominated melodrama of recent manufacture. It surpasses the stolid reseryoir, however, by exhibiting some possibilities in the way of dramatic realism which the boldest of our tank-and-terror authors have never dared to handle.

If the Simon-pure burglars have made a not some other feeble compositions be galvanized into life by the injection of other incident in melodrama, and it seems logical, in view of the burglars' success, to presume that a real red-banded slaughterer of his fellow man would give a delicious verisimilitude to a mimic tragedy upon the stage. It would read well on the bills if the announcement were made that John Smith, who murdered Tom Jones in December. 1878, in Chicago, would appear in the matchless role of Bulldog Joc, and in each act of "The Slums of New York" murder a man in cold blood and with all the latest improvements.

It is easy to see that similar improvements in the way of realism might be made in the immoral society plays which have had such a vogue of late. In fact there is a tendency among actors and actresses of doubtful reputation to appear is plays which permit them to apply this principle. It would only be a short step further to take notorious offenders against morality and set them in plays of the gross sort that Parisians extol and we deprecate, but pay our doi- of raising the grades of the streets. lars to see.

# A TOOTHLESS TRUST.

The telegrams of yesterday with regard to the "Pig Iron Trust," as it is called by the dispatch, is evidently calculated to create a misapprehension. It would be a public question of a good deal of moment if any attempt were made by the Metal Exchange to monopolize the whole industry or even to control its sale. No such attempt is made-simply because it is impossible. A clear understanding of the announcement "that contracts are being made with furnace companies for a period of years, each company agreeing that it will not place any iron against which warrants are to be issued in the hands of any other warrant company," will make it plain that the effort is only to monopolize the business of issuing warrants on stored metal. Even that attempt can easily be overset by starting a competing warrant company, if the business should become very profitable; so that there is not much fear of a monopoly in this enterprise. If it were as clear from any danger of turning pig iron into a football for business gambling, its utter harmlessness could

# LYNCHING TO BE LEGALIZED.

It is always gratifying to notice any as piration of the West to become less wild and woolly. As we take it a petition recently handed up to the Kansas Legislature by the members of an organization called the National Anti-Horse-Thief Association is a sign of a desire on the petitioners' part to adopt more civilized methods.

As everybody knows it has long been the custom in Kansas to hang a horse thief as quiry until the criminal's suspense to a consummary proceeding commonly known as lynching has been illegal in name, but no- York politics. body has been punished for indulging in it

servative sections of the country have often made. The National Anti-Horse Thief Association, apparently representing the cultured classes of Kansas, has accordingly petitioned the State Legislature to legalize the lynching of horse thieves by the passage of an appropriate statute. Advices from Topeka seem to leave no doubt that the legislators will accede to their petitioners News Rooms and Publishing House--75, request. A lynching bee in the near future will be as solemn and lawful a proceeding as a sitting of the Supreme Court. We presume that officials suitable to the case will be appointed by the State to conduct lynchings. It can be readily seen that an expert adjuster of the rope, which plays a pressing and conclusive part in the performance, will be an improvement upon the excited and possibly nervous executioner. Even the gentleman to be lynched will recognize this. In other ways doubtless lynching will gain and gradually acquire the nature of an exact science.

We congratulate our fellow countrymen in Kansas on this fresh evidence of their desire to take up the banner of civilization, and we hope that the horse thieves will appreciate the novel pleasure of being lynched according to statute law.

## PROTECTION IN THE SUBURBS.

The murder of Mr. St. Clair, while defending his store in Wilkinsburg from burglars, ought to impress the residents in that borough with the insecurity of life and property under existing circumstances. It seems that burglars have shown a great partiality for our suburban neighbor of late. They visited their victim, Mr. St. Clair, several times and stole as much of his property as they could before they took his life.

As far as we know Wilkinsburg is prosperous and populous as it is like most suburbs, does not possess any police force beyond the constables, who cannot be expected to perform the nocturnal duties of watchmen. The burglarious fraternity are always well posted on such matters. The presence of a single armed guardian in the little borough would have inspired more wholesome dislike for Wilkinsburg in the bosoms of habitual criminals, than the casual capture of a youthful thief by the

citizens themselves seems to have done. This is a warning to Wilkinsburg and other boroughs like it to protect themselves with a police force; even if it be a very modest one. The expense of such a provision is but trivial compared with the loss of such a valuable life as Mr. St. Clair's, A county police force might be a protection and preventive of crime in the suburbs. If that is not practicable, it is plain that the suburbs must furnish their own patrols.

#### NOT THE RIGHT PLAN.

The estimate of the City Engineer of Allegheny, on the expense of raising the streets so as to let the railroads pass under them puts the total cost at \$1,150,000. It might be well worth that sum to Allegheny, or to any other city of its size, to get the railways sately out of the way below the level of the streets. But before discussing that question it is pertinent to point out that the published summary of the estimate implies another plan than the one which would naturally be adopted, and to indicate the probability that the best plan for such a work would be considerably more economical than the one on which the City Engineer has given his estimate.

Thus \$750,000 of the estimate is given for theatrical realism, the introduction of real "filling the blocks up to grade" and "raisburglars into a drama, the strongest situa- ing buildings." This, together with some tion in which is the blowing of a safe. This of the items included in the other \$400,000. step is in the line suggested by the tank indicates the engineer's idea that it will be than in the real atmosphere. Perhaps the necessary to fill up the roadways solid to bureau is trying to get ahead so that when the elevation proposed. Nothing could be it permits some regular howlers to strike us more unnecessary or unwise. When we are confronted with the alternative of railways elevated above the streets or streets elevated above the railways, we ought to be able to recognize that if a structure drams of admitted weakness strong, might can be made to support heavy freight trains with a high momentum, a structure at equal or less cost can be made to support ordinary criminal characters? Murder is a favorite street traffic. Such a structure reaching from street line to street line, say at the level of the present second stories, could accommodate the public that uses the city streets. This would naturally result in the conversion of the second stories into shops and of the present first floors into warerooms: but it would not necessitate either filling up the streets or raising the buildings. The present streets could still be made of great use for heavy teaming to and from the warerooms on what would then be the basement floor; and the change might not only relieve the streets of the dangers of grade railway crossings, but also lessen the approvances from overcrowding by teams which would use the lower grade of streets

throughout the crowded districts. Several of the problems of street traffic might be solved by such a plan. It is certainly worth a fuller consideration than is likely to be obtained by saddling it with estimates based on a wholly different, more expensive and much less desirable method

## RESTRAINTS ON THE PULPIT.

It has been for some time apparent that the pulpit must not attack forms of wrong that are powerful in its own church. For a clergyman whose organization contained Standard Oil men to denounce monopolies would be suicidal; if the pastor of a Vanderbilt church should dare to say that selling bogus stock values is a sin, it would be recognized as a direct attack on the material prosperity of the church. The pulpit, according to this theory, must not oppose any of the sins that are powerful in its particular church, or it will promptly lose its financial support. In a good many churches that would be a greater disaster than to lose its morality.

But all previous records in the way of ordering the pulpit to close its eyes to any of the wrongs that have vested rights in the immediate vicinity are eclipsed by the foss raised in the New York Senate over a prayer offered by the chaplain for deliverance from "the political gamblers who buy up the votes of ignorant immigrants who comprise such a large portion of the population of cities." Senators Grady and Murphy, legislative lights from New York City, immediately made haste to put on the cap by moving to dispense with this clergyman's prayers in the future.

The idea that any clergyman should presume to pray against the bribery of ignorant voters was as much of an attack on the vested interests of the New York politicians as a sermon against monopolies and extortion would be an assault upon the charitable and religious Rockafeller. But there was more than this. To pray for divine aid in such a matter was, evidently, according soon as caught, and to suspend judicial in- to the Grady-Murphy view, trying to bring s foreign element into the fight, and a forvenient tree has been accomplished. This eign element that cannot be bribed would be wholly useless to these powers of New

It is rapidly getting toward the point have been numerous enough to repeat the exercise at the expense of the lynchers.

But sanguinary Kansas is tired of the institutions of lawlessness which more constitutions of lawlessness which more constitutions of lawlessness which more constitutions of the lynchers.

WASHINGTON, February 12.—Senator Spooner is reported to be the next prominent pilgrim to Indiangolis. He will leave Washington later in the week, and it is understood he goes to impress upon General Harrison the availability of "Robert Elsmere." We have a healthy prejudice against a play on words.

iquities. But judging from Sunday night's sermon at St. Mary's Church, one pulpit will talk out fearlessly while Rev. Morgan Sheedy occupies it.

THE fact that at McVicker's Theater in Chicago, the sign was out one day last week. "Good seats for every attraction," while at Hooley's the sign was, "Not even standing room," is noted by a writer on the Chicago Times, with the further statement that Mary Anderson was the attraction at the former place and "A Brass Monkey" at the latter. The Chicago conclusion is not stated at full length; but outsiders can easily perceive that the contrast does not demonstrate the standing of the different attractions so much as the natural affinity of the Chicagoan for dramatic treatment of subjects kindred to themselves.

THE joke of Edgerton's indignation at losing his month's salary is only equaled by tempt to fix a friend of his permanently in the soft situation of Civil Service Commis-

NEITHER the "agreement between gentlemen" nor the inter-State commerce law is able to prevent the transcontinental lines from cutting on the excessively high Pacific coast immigrant rates. This may be explained on the ground that these lines never thought it worth while to obey the law, and an agreement between gentlemen does not include any Pacific railway men.

THE man who came into the Sixth ward independent meeting last night with an offer to sell thirty votes for a hundred dollars appears to have realized the old proverb about taking his hogs to the wrong market.

AFTER Dan Lamont has distributed himself around among all the places to which the correspondents have assigned him he will make good the claims of versatility that have been made for him by his admirers while he guarded the approach to the fountain of patronage,

MARK TWAIN is reported to be oppressed with a fear that he will lose his fortune; but there is said to be more ground for fearing a calamity of that sort to the people who deal with him.

PASTEUR'S hope that he has found a prophylactic for the prevention of diphtheria ndicates a rate of progress which may make it necessary for the twentieth century to invent a lot of new diseases to kill off those who have conquered all the fatal ailments of the nineteenth.

COLEMAN'S labors in behalf of the Agricultural Department are crowned by the proud elevation of that political granger to the rank of Cabinet Minister for twenty

COLONEL ELLIOT F. SHEPHARD has bought \$250 worth of tickets to the inauguration ball. The good Colonel feels that he is entitled to this dip into the dissipations of the giddy world, after his labors in suppressing the wickedness of Sunday stages on Fifth avenue.

THE report that John C. New will be the Dan Manning of the coming administration is a covert and unjustifiable attack on the memory of Mr. Manning.

BLIZZARDS have so far been much more abundant in the signal service predictions without preliminary notice, things will be about even.

THE flag fuss in the Legislature vesterday indicates that our statesmen must be rather hard up for subjects to make fools of themselves over.

FOUR mills for the rate of taxation by the county with 12 mills by the city makes a reduction of some moment in the rate levied on our taxpayers; but they will probably find their tax bills just as large as ever when it comes to paying them,

THE oil boom which was started day before yesterday appears to have been a case of soda water out of season.

GAIL HAMILTON'S energetic labors in the line of scalping Mr. George William Curtis is a gentle warning to President Harrison that he had better not be remiss in his duty touching the distribution of Cabinet

# PERSONAL FACTS AND FANCIES.

SPURGEON, the great London preacher, has correspondence that averages 500 letters a day. He is obliged to employ three secretaries to answer the communications that come to him from all parts of the world.

DOMINGO, the Spanish painter, long resident in Paris, for whose work immense prices have ruled these many years, has had the honor of painting the baby King of Spain and his mother, the Queen Regent, receiving for the former \$25,000.

AT the recent election in Paris 568,697 electors were registered, but only 435,860 votes were east. Although Boulanger beat M. Jacques by 81.550 plurality, and even had a clear majority of 54,432 over all opposition, he still lacked 40,-279 votes of a bare majority of all the registered voters. There were about 133,000 Parisian voters who did not care enough about Boulangerism to go to the polls and vote either for or

THE Japanese students now at Roanoke College are the first representatives of their nation center a Virginia institution. These boys, sons of distinguished officers of their Govern-ment-Viscount Takachika Fukuoka, member of the imperial Privy Council and ex-Minister of State for Education, and Count Munenori Terashima, Vice President of the Privy Council and formerly Minister to the United States.

ENGLAND is agitated over the sad fact that Prince Albert Victor has not sufficient pocket money. His father, the Prince of Wales, who has never possessed a large enough income for his tastes, is sorry for the boy. A council was recently held to discuss measures for the en-largement of the young Prince's means. The most acceptable plan-to the members of the ants on the estates of the Duchy of Cornwall. How long will the British submit to this sort of thing?

CURIOUS stories come from Ponce de Leon Hotel, in St. Augustine. Mr. Flagler's expenditure there now amounts to nearly \$6,000,000 Early in January there were only 12 guests in the hotel. Mr. Flagler, however, does not seem discouraged. He has just bought the ka and from St. Augustine to Jacksonville Last Sunday he changed both of these to broad-gauge roads, and shortened the schedule more than one-half. He is going to build a bridge over the St. Johns, so that the vestibule trains can run into St. Augustine from New York without transfer. He is puilding an Opera House in St. Augustine at a cost of \$300,-000, a magnificent church, and a union depot that will cost about \$200,000.

Mrs. Ward Will Not Appeal in Vain.

THE TOPICAL TALKER

Modern Scenery is a Novelty Here-Groundless Alarm About a Pictured Tank-Curiosity is a Dangerous Thing, So is

Photographic Album Sometimes. So unusual is it to see a play mounted in modern style in Pittsburg—though it must be said that the scenery new in stock at the Bijou Theater is far better than anything given us before by local managers-that"Fascination"could rest upon its scenery alone to draw audiences. In the necessarily brief notice of the play in THE DISPATCH yesterday an injustice was done to Colonel Sinn, the proprietor of the play, and his Brooklyn Park Theater scene painter, Seymour D. Parker. The box scenes epresenting rooms of a very sumptuous charin scenic art. The room in Rosa Delamere's house is a very tasteful piece of color, even to the smallest details.

For the information of a great many people who have been led by the lithographs and bills to suspect "Fascination" of having a tank concealed about it, I may state that the river scene the funny side of a reform President's at- is devoid of "real water," but has some very clever illusions which are effective enough. It is a healthy sign of the public's education that the mention of a tank of real water in connection with a drama is enough to keep a great many people away from the theater during that drama's stay.

CURIOSITY is a bad thing any way, but when a fellow is painting a door he ought to fight very shy of letting his curiesity get the better

of him. A friend of mine paid a visit the other day to a house that is being built for him. The house is in the hands of the painters now and my friend called the boss painter aside to teil him something or other. An apprentice was putting a first coat of paint on the doors which pened into the hall where my friend and the boss painter were talking. There were two pots of paint by the apprentice's side, one containing the light brown paint he was to use on the doors and another full of red paint.

The apprentice, having an evil conscience possibly, strained his ears to catch what his naster was saving, but continued painting the Suddenly my friend happened to glance at the door, and, seeing something extraordin ary there, said to the boss: "What on earth is that boy painting that door red for?"

The boss looked at the door and made a dash for the boy. He caught the youngster by the coat collar, but it was too late. Three panels out of four had glaring coats of red paint. The juvenile artist had allowed his brush to wander into the wrong pot, while he sought to catch the conversation going on near him.

ANOTHER dangerous thing to do unless you give your full mind to it is to examine photographic album of a person you don't know very well, when that person is at your

elbow.

Recently a young man of my acquaintance found himself at a loss to carry on a conversa-tion with his hostess, who is a young married roman, and he himself had the daring to take up a photograph album and commence to turn the pages. His hostess sat near enough to see the photographs and naturally enough she made a running comment upon them, explain-ing who the people pictured were.

It the young man had kept his mind as well as his eyes riveted on the book there would have been no trouble. But his attention ran off at the beck of some recollection and he turned over leaf after leaf mechanically. Presently he came to the picture of a pretty girl, and he ventured half absent-mindedly, half intending to pay a compliment: "Your sister, I presume?"
"No, sir," was the quiet reply, "that's baby's

nurse-we put it in to please baby. This ought to have warned the young man

of his danger, but it didn't. The next page but one disclosed the picture of a young man with a self-satisfied smirk on his face and banged hair.
"A face like that," remarked the young man

struggling to hide a yawn, "always makes me think of a gents' furnishing store. He seems to be saying: Those are our very best at

All the young matron replied to this was: "Indeed! Do you think so?" But there was such an ugly emphasis on the indeed that the young man looked up in time to notice that a flush was still on his hosters' face and an angry light in her eyes. He guessed he'd put his foot in it, and took care to make no more remarks till the album was closed again.

By stealth later in the evening he brought a

friend to the album and asked him who the young man with a smirk and bangs might be. Why, don't you know your host? photo was taken before he was married." was

# THE MILIPARY SYSTEM OF EUROPE,

How it Pats the Nations of the Old World at Great Disadvantage.

From the Boston Herald, 1 An English statistician finds that the annual outgo of Europe for its military system to-day is equivalent to \$1,750,000,000. If the loss of the productive labor of the men in arms is added to this sum, the annual expense would be \$2,150,000,000. It is shown by comparison that the annual expense of the standing armies of Europe in 1860 had been but \$550,000,000. In 30 years time the expense has increased threenation, and the taxes fall upon the land and the industries of the people—principally upon the industries. European nations are thus handicapped, almost to the extent of the cost of their military equipment, from competition with a country like our own. The advantage of a country where a standing army is not necessary stands out in a strong light. In the race of civilization, communities as heavily burdened as the great European nations are at present by their military equipment are at a creat disadvantage, and from the present out

#### ook the disadvantage is constantly increasing. THE QUEER TASTES

Of Some of the Diners in the French Res taurants of New York.

From the New York Sun.] Some of the French restaurants of New York have set apart one evening for music with the dinner. The band is made up of two or three victins and a bass viol. In one of these restau-rants, patronized freely by judges, lawyers and newspaper men, there is a most accommodat-ing leader. But he is somewhat puzzled by what he calls the peculiar taste of the restau-rant's particular coterie of diners. The three selections that take with them are Coopin's and the Pilgrim's chorus from "Tannhauser Sometimes the leader has to repeat these selec-tions. The judges, lawyers and newspaper men give rapt attention, and, with the coffee and cigars, tell of the palaces and great cathe-drals at Rome and abroad in which they have

# STEWART-M'CRACKEN.

Well-Known Young Couple Married at

the Sixth Church. Miss Ada Byron McCracken, daughter of B. McCracken, the Liberty street merchant, was married last evening to Mr. Alex. L. Stewart, of Porter & Donaldson's. The ceremony was performed by Rev. John F. Patterson, of the Sixth Presbyterian Church, where the wedding took place. The ushers were J. P. Mahan, James Scully and Wm. Mcllroy. The groomsman was Thos. A. Dunn. The bride wore a green gray cloth traveling costume with bonnet to match. bonnet to match.

After the ceremony the young couple took the 9 o'clock train for Philadelphia, where they will spend a week. After that they will go to New York, Washington and Baltimore. Upon their return they will take up their residence at No. 559 Fifth avenue.

## No Cause for Alarm. From the New York Telegram.

A mince pie which a notable housekeeper of Kansas III. had just baked, one day last week exploded with such violence as to kill a cat. Useful as such mince pies might be in New York, there is no occasion for alarm on the part of the Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals. Restaurant mince pie ever develops any energy.

Rusk for War. WASHINGTON, February 12 .- Senator Spoot RAILWAY PREIGHT RATES.

The Western Roads Are Having Trouble in Adjusting Matters. CHICAGO, February 12 - The Western

Freight Association met to-day to consider how best to readjust and equalize through rates from Iowa points to the seaboard, the rates having become disarranged by enforcement of the commissioners' schedule in Iowa. A com-mittee of seven was appointed to formulate a plan and report to recover ferrous. The chplan and report to-morrow afternoon. The obplan and report to-morrow afternoon. The object is to remove the discrimination against Chicago caused by the reduction in Iowa rates. The Western Railway Weighing Association met to-day to decide what should be done with the question of live stock transportation from the Missouri river. The system of billing live-stock by weight instead of charging by the carload was inaugurated January 1. The Kansas Railroad Commissioners have ordered the restoration of carload rates in that State, causing a good deal of confusion. It was agreed that carload rates should be charged only on local shipments in the State of Kansas, and that the weighing system should be continued on all inter-State traffic and between all points east of the river. on all inter-State traffic and between all points east of the river.

The sub-committee on classification, which has been in session in this city about ten days, adjourned to-day for two months. A set of general rules was adopted, and it was agreed that a number of classes under which the various articles of freight are to be grouped shall be 12. The next meeting of the committee will be held at Old Point Comfort in April.

## MADE AN END OF DESPAIR.

Disheartened Woman Shoots Herself Because She Couldn't Rise.

Special Telegram to the Dispatch. St. Louis, February 12.-Mrs. Rachel Willis, full of despair over her own ignorance and her blighted ambitions, shot herself and ended all the worry of trying to be what she was not. She had longed to be a poetess, an author. She had the fever of composition. She was full of romance and sentiment, but her life was bounded by very narrow lines. She had no advantages in early life. Born on a farm, she, had the education of a farmer's daughter. Her husband, who came when life was growing to be a very heavy burden, was a temporary relief. He was higher intellectually than was she, and his companionship promised an extension of her mental range.

After five years of that companionship she seems to have found it lacking in that benefit she hoped to obtain, and so resolved to end her life. This morning a bullet fired by her own hand put an end to her life. She left a note stating that her act was caused by her inability to succeed as a writer. She leaves one child. romance and sentiment, but her life was

# CHINESE WELCOMED IN RUSSIA.

Immigrant Worth Having. rom the New York Sun. 1 If John Chinaman reads the Russian news-papers he must be pleased to observe that there white men who think him an immigrant worth having. The Novoe Vremya and some other journals are urging that John is just the

One Place Where John is Thought to be an

man to help develop new countries; that he can even be Russified, and that he should be invited to settle in large numbers in Asiatic Russia. They think, however, that John should bring his wife along with him to Siberia, that his children should be educated in Russian schools, and they have such faith in his capacity for assimilation with other races as to suppose that in time he would out off his cue, put on Western clothes, and become a dutiful subject of the time. ubject of the Czar,
ubject of the Czar,
No doubt the Russians, with the blood of

## AID FOR A STEAMSHIP LINE.

South American Merchants Will Assist Important Yankee Enterprise.

Sr. Louis, February 12.-The Mississipp River and Ocean Navigation Company, of this city, who contemplate the construction of a hne of double hull, light draft, centerboard, adjustable-keel steamers, to run direct between St. Louis and other inland river cities in this country and Central and South American orts, received advices to-day from their ager at Maracaibo, Venezuela, that 150,000 shares of at maracanos, venezueia, that 19,000 shares of the company's stock have been subscribed for by the merchants of Maracaibo, La Guayra, Porto Cabello and Island of Curacoa, and that merchanis at other ports on the coast, par-ticularly those connected with the great coffee trade of that country, are becoming interested

# TAXATION TOO HIGH.

Akron's Expenditures for the Last Eight Years to be Investigated.

AKRON, February 12 .- For some time a newspaper agitation of local taxation has been going on, and charges of extravagance in the conduct of city government have been made, the total tax rate now being 30 8-10 mills in city total tax rate now being 30 s-10 mins in city sewer districts. One week ago the City Council took notice of the criticisms on it by having read a Burlesque resolution which proposed stoppage of all city improvements. Last night another tack was taken and another resolution passed for the appointment of joint committee on the part of the County Commissioners, the Board of Education and the City Council for an investigation of local expenditures for past sight years.

# NO COLOR LINE IN THEIRS.

Brooklyn Liquor Deniers Refuse to

Colored Men From Their Ball. pecial Telegram to The Dispatch. NEW YORK, February 12.-The United have a ball in Palace Rink, next Monday evening. William Brown, a negro saloon was anxious to attend, but fearing that his the association, which decided that Mr. Brown bould not only attend the ball, but that he and its friends might do all in their power to make The Condition That Confronts Us.

rom the New York World. 1

A condition, not a theory, confronts us, felow-countrymen. For the first time within the memory of most men the diplomatic relations between this country and England are wholly in control of charges d'affaires. Now there is nothing fundamentally unreliable about a healthy charge d'affaires, but is it not tempting fate to place our relations with Great Britain in the hands of men whose after-dinner speeches

are seldom reported in the newspapers A Few More Appointments. WASHINGTON, February 12.—The President WASHINGTON, February IZ—The President to-day sent the following nominations to the Senate: Eugene E. White, of Arkansas, to be an Indian inspector; Lieutenant Edward M. Heyl, to be Inspector General with rank of colonel; Major Henry W. Lawton to be Inspector General with rank of lieutenant colonel; Captain Joseph P. Sanger to be Inspector General with the rank of major.

Rather Severe Upon Royalty. from the New York World.] A statistician asserts that 20 princes and princesses of the reigning families of Europe ave been treated for mental disorders. The ineteenth century has been very severe upor the royal think-tank.

# ABOUT YOURSELF.

THE average number of teeth is 32. THE weight of the circulating blood is 28 ounds. THE average weight of an adult is 150 pound

THE brain of a man exceeds twice that of A MAN man breathes about 20 times a min ute, and 1,200 in an hour. THE average weight of a skeleton is about 14

ounds. Number of sones 240. ONE THOUSAND ounces of blood pass arough the kidneys in one hour. A MAN breathes about 18 pints of air in minute, or upward of 7 hogsheads a day. THE average weight of the brain of a man is 334 pounds; of a woman, 2 pounds and 11

FIVE HUNDRED AND FORTY pounds, or hogshead and 114 pints of blood pass through the heart in one hour. THE average height of an Englishman is 5 reet 9 inches; of a Frenchman, 5 feet 4 inches; of a Belgian, 5 feet 6% inches.

THE heart sends nearly 10 pounds of blood

through the veins and arteries each beat, and makes 4 beats while we breathe once. ONE HUNDRED AND SEVENTY-FIVE MILL-ION cells are in the lungs, which would cover a surface 30 times greater than the human body. THE average of the pulse in infancy is 120 per minute; in manhood, 80; at 60 years, 60. The pulse of females is more frequent than that of OLD PRESCRIPTIONS.

The Dangers Attending the Reckless Use of Them-Physicians and Druggists May do Much Toward Remedying the Evil-Careful Administration of the Laws Regulating the Sale of Poisons Needed. rom the New York Sun. 1

Opium, laudanum, paregoric, morphine, soothing syrup, Dover's powders, bromides, antipyrin, chloral, and cocaine are doing a destructive work. In their legitimate use as temporary easements of unbearable physical suffering they are among the greatest boons of civilization. But, unfortunately, when a physician prescibes a dose of one of these powerful agents he knows that not only will the dose be taken by his patient at that time, but also that the prescription will be saved and used again by the patient on his own responsi-Of course there are druggists who are by no

means particular to whom they sell these things. They will renew over and over again things. They will renew over and over again the supply from an old prescription, when they must know that the baleful drug is being used merely as food for a morbid appetite. The morphine-pill box is worn out and another substituted again and again. They see the laudanum bottle coming day by day for increased doses, when they must know that it is ministering to a craving more destructive than the thirst for run. They supply bromide or cocaine to people who they know are not under the care of physicians, but are employing these sedatives and anodynes as the drunkard does his liquor—not merely using, but abusing.

## The Work of Cocaine.

A short time ago a prosperous young mechanic told a well-known physician the story of his wife's dissipation. Day by day she had become more indifferent to her family duties. Her house was neglected. Her children were running the streets uncared for. Her money was spent in some mysterious way. At first he suspected that she had become addicted to drink. He had watched her carefully drink. He had watched her carefully and searched high and low for intoxicants, but every inquiry was baffled. He had her watched with like result. She would be found at times apparently in drunken stupor. Home, children, husband, friends were sacrificed to some baleful secret habit which eluded his most vigilant efforts to discover. At last the revelation came. It was an old prescription of the family physician for the comparatively new narcotic, cocaine.

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The enslaved woman had first taken the drug in sickness. She found the effects so agreeable that she saved the prescription. After the sickness had passed, she took the drug as a relief from household cares and weariness. It was an easy thing to send a child to the drugstore with the prescription. The little bottles of colorless and almost tasteless liquid attracted no attention, and so, she went on month ed no attention, and so she went on month after month; of course more and more was needed. It took the place of healthful sieep, and then of nourishing food and drink. Final-ly it wrecked a system that was once robust.

### First for Pain, Then for Pleasure No doubt this is the story of many physicians

prescriptions of opiates that are taken at first to allay pain, to soothe the suffering, to deaden the torture of surgical operations, but that subsequently are surreptitiously used for mere pleasure or tranquility, regardless of the danger that attends the continued use of these powerful agents. Here is another case reported by a physician:

A young mother observed that her child was drowsy and listless. The nurse never had any trouble with it. The child would lie for hours in apathetic wakefulness. The parents were no fools. They watched the nurse, and they no fools. They watched the nurse, and they found her out dosing the child with an anodyne oftained on an old prescription. This is an old trick of nurses, who often have no hesitation in inflicting incurable damage upon the system of a child merely to save themselves the trouble of attending it. Such a nurse ought to be prosceuted for assault—in fact, they do commit the most dangerous kind of assault, compared with which a mere blow with the fist would be mercy.

## Meddling With Health.

Although a man would not think of meddling with his watch or clock, or any piece of mechompetent workman, he often meddles with his own health and physical constitution in the most reckless way. He will take medicines that are only of use in some entirely different circumstances on the mere muss that his symptoms are the same as those for which the medicine was originally prepared. Women are cases where there is not the slightest analogy to the case for which the medicine was originally prepared. They make the most reckless They exchange information doctors did for their children diagnosis. They exchange information as to what the doctors did for their children under what to them seem similar circumstances, and which may be entirely different. They may not know the difference between a common cough and membraneous croup, but they will tackle the most dreadful disease with the most imappropriate remedy. By the time the doctor comes, the patient has been already experimented upon, and has risked death by delay or by the struggle with hurtful medicaments.

# A Dangerous Feature.

The dangerous feature about the self-admir tration of opiates is that the subject keeps on taking the drug while partially deprived of its memory. The legitimate use of such agents requires the greatest care and caution. They oust be adapted to the system of the recipient and to the special occasion. What would be harmless to a person at one time would be dangerous at another. It is well known that narcotic poisons are cumulative; that they go on

cotic poisons are cumulative; that they go on piling up in the system like steam collecting in a boiler. No harm is done until at last the exploding point is reached.

This apparently growing propensity of people to prescribe for themselves should be checked. The drugstore contains elements of destruction quite as dangerous as the gunpowder shop or the saloon, and not the least dangerous equipment is the pile of old prescriptions. People cannot be too strongly impressed with the fact that opiates are hurtful when used in excess, or when administered by unskillful hands. Intelligent physicians and conscientious druggists may do much to this end. Something may be done by careful administration of the laws regulating the sale of poisons. But not the least dangerous element in the baleful business is the indiscriminate use of old prescriptious and self-doctoring by the ignorant.

# ST. VALENTINE'S DAY IN INDIANAPOLIS

A FANTASY. Before you break your fast at morn On cakes of wheat or Indian corn And sucn-like simple things that ples The palates of the small McKees— Before your coffee cup you drain, Remember James Gillespie Blain

w York, Gentle Harrison, helped you to win nd on the ground floor she is bound to come i I wixt Miller and Platt if you can't draw the line hat's the matter with both being your Valer

> List to the old, old story In the Conservatory, Here's Foraker the Gory, Whose Cheek is twelve by nine And Reid, whose high ambition To be your Valentine.

Pray don't shrink from your Alger so; For see, he has a quid pro quo, And will, if you'll be benign, Pay cash to be your Valentine.

Don't fondly hope to fice alone-Not while there's life in Bill Mahone; He'll pull the coattails off your spine, To be your Southern Valentine,

O Benny, you, in days of old,
To mind your p's and q's were told!
But now you need not Platt obey.
If you'll but mind your Matty Quay,
Who comes with outstretched hand to clasp
Yours in his firm and malled grasp. And guide it where the letters twine That writehim down your Valentine

If in despair your hat you seize And wander out among the trees. Depew and Evarts will combine To be your New York Valentine. On the Juniper street and Thirteenth street side

Before the cup of sleep you drain, Remember James Giliespie Blaine!

You bet I'll be your Valentine.

I ask you not whether you'll be mine-

Are striped goods and plain beside; And on Market street corner you will find, Crochet bed spreads of the finest kind; BE sure to patronize the postoffice and remember that it is a sign of ill-breeding to grow Near the women's waiting room hosen be, angry because the letter you receive is offen-sively personal. Offensive personality is re-quired by the etiquette that obtains in the post-office department of a church fair. And a counter for men's suspendery; 'I have everything in the drygoods line, Oh, come to my shop, my Vaientine!

proper to make others ridiculous, so that if there are two rich dudes from whom you would like to realize substantial aid get up a vote for the greatest donkey in town, But before you go to bed at night, And creep within your sheets of white; Before you sink to sumbers dim, Remember Jim, remember Jim! leading the list with the names of the gentlemen in question. They will then appear and squander their substance in riotous voung, un-less they combine and call it off.

#### NEW YORK'S LATEST GOSSIP. CURIOUS CONDENSATIONS.

A Protest in Order.

[NEW YORK BUREAU SPECIALS.]

rest of New York's German 400 were there.

The ball started off with a boom at 11 o'clock. Two hours later the boom was squelehed by the appearance of 40 uniformed policemen and

5 detectives. There was little fun after that,

first waiter who sold wine. One policeman got so drunk and obstreperous that he had to be

removed. Another policeman was caught be-

hind a door drinking champagne that he had

confiscated. Another policeman, placed on guard to prevent the sale of wine, allowed

Holding the Fort.

Washington E. Connor, a wealthy broker, i

The Central's tracks skirt the grounds of Mr

railway company recently tried to buy of Mr.

Connor enough land for an additional track. Mr. Connor refused to sell, and took steps to

enjoin the company from laying a track on his

sleepers and steel rails, and before Mr. Connor

could summon assistance the track was laid. Mr. Connor engaged a force of men to tear up

the track. The railroad company heard of it and backed the heaviest locomotive on the

road and a freight train down on the threat-

ened bit of road. The locomotive and the freight train still hold down the Jersey Central

The Pig Iron Trust Closing Up.

The announcement was made on the Metal

has nearly completed arrangements for secur-ing control of the American market. The con-tracts of the trust with the furnace companies

gainst which warrants are to be issued in the

cents per month carrying charges. The grad-ing will be guaranteed by the company. The

orage yards will be in convenient localities

and placed in the hands of the trustees at a

Stole Daily to Play the Horses.

Philip Ohl, entry clerk in a wholesale silk

and button house, has stolen \$2,500 worth of ribbons and buttons within the last year to pay

his expenses at the race track. Every night he carried away in his pocket about \$10 worth of

small merchandise to the pawnbroker's, and

every Saturday holiday he lost all he had at the

race track. When arrested he had 72 pawn

Insurance Saved in Time.

Martin Althaus, the Knight Templar who

carried a life insurance for \$1,000 in the Ma-

onic Mutual. He was \$8 in arrears, and, ac-

cording to the laws of the society, his widow would be entitled to no benefit. A smart friend of the family discovered this yesterday

norning. He hurried over to the office of the

Masonic Mutual, where no news of Althaus'

uicide had been received, and paid his dead

friend's dues, receiving a receipt which will

nable Mrs. Althaus to get the \$1,000 insur

Friendship Pays Its Price.

novelist in three languages, will pass the rest of this week in the Tombs. He went into court yesterday to testify that his friend, Ed-

something of a stir with his fine clothes, long

hair and literary ways. Upon leaving the stand he sat down very close to Mr. Metcalf, the suspected burglar. In fact, he sat so sus-

thinking something was up, pulled Metcalf

way from him. Five cigars and a flask of

whisky, in transit from the novelist's hand to

ETIQUETTE AT CHURCH FAIRS.

Ir is not correct to charge less that \$6 on the

It is never proper to make a man take

chance in a flush framed mirror at the point of

Do not be ostentatious in your display of

wealth at a church fair. This is a vice of ex-

EVERY well regulated table should have its

steerer," just as in the game of bunko, to as-

FASHIONABLE people never take more than

five glasses of lemonade at once, or expect to

BARGAIN counters are never to be found a

well-conducted fairs, and economy is a gros breach of the etiquette which there obtains.

WHEN a kind hearted member of the con-

regation has donated a \$40 clock to the fair it

s not good form to ask him to buy it back for

In small country towns it is not considered

right to charge admission to the fair, but a

small fee is exacted of persons desirous of go-

Ir is not becoming in a man to leave a church

fair with more gold in his pockets than he would there have after a "holdup" by the ban-

If you pay five cents for a "grab" keep your

Persons acquainted with the etiquette of

church fairs will wrap up a pincushion the minute the visitor says he doesn't want it.

BE considerate of others. If you have bought

a match safe for \$25 and you hear that some

cost. This kind of virtue is its own reward.

body else wants it, let some one else have it af

If there is a savage bulldog up to be voted

into the possession of the most popular man at the fair, you may with perfect propriety vote

against your dearest friend or even your flan-

A REALLY well brought un person will neve

carry an enormous appetite with him to the fair table d'hote. Remember the cause of charity

and don't eat more than half of what is not

Ir is not considered good form to win in a

raffle. Very few of our best people ever do this, and persons who observe the convention-alities of society should eschew forever the

Do not leave your pocketbook in the cloak

room, and be sure that no loose change is left in your overcoat pocket. The latest accepted rules of cloakroom etiquette give the contents

of overcoat pockets to the charity for which

Do not think it witty after you have been

shown the flower booth and basket booth to ask to be shown the Edwin Booth. The writer

tried that once, and the rosy-cheeked damsel who should have smiled said that Edwin

In the cause of charity it is perfectly

This kind of coercion is permissit

temper if you get a handful of paper and pew-

ter spoons instead of the French ormolu cloc

ing out.

ditti of Texas.

you expected.

before you.

winning number.

the fair is given.

Booth wasn't there.

sist people to find what they do not want.

and more than one lemon in eight gallons.

Do not keep \$15 in your inside pocket

you are willing to be thought mean.

\$1 for articles on the fair tables

fetcalf's pocket, lay on the bench between the

Charles E. Barnes, gentleman of leisure and

nce, which she would have otherwise lost,

ickets and five pool tickets in his pocket,

track on Mr. Connor's property.

cinct in which the ball was held.

-Two cows died from eating too many

rotten potatoes down in Baldwin county, Georgia, recently. NEW YORK, February 12-The Liederkranz -New York City's deaths and births about

Society, the wealthlest German club in the country, has declared war against the city palance each other. Last week there were 507 wirths and 818 deaths. police. The Liederkranz gave its thirty-sixth annual mask ball at the Metropolitan Opera House Thursday night, at an expense of \$12. -The town of Mills City, Va., has recently had its name changed and now rejoices in the title of "New York, Jr.," 000. The Steinways, the Oelrichs and all the

-There are musical soirces every Sunday at the palace of the Emperor of Germany, the programme being executed by generals, col-onels, majors, captains and lieutenants.

-A feature of the late eclipse of the moon for the policemen walked up and down the at Downieville, Col., was a gorgeous rainbow dancing floor and supper rooms, swinging their big night sticks and threatening to arrest the ring that surrounded the moon. Incloses were seven brilliant stars of the first magni-

-Mrs. Cornelius Vanderbilt, when she gives dinner parties, uses a solid gold dinner service set with uncut gems and with some courses Dresden and Sevres plates worth more than \$100 apiece.

champagne to be sold upon condition that he received a \$2 tip for every bottle passed. All -The great car drivers' strike in New York cost the city over \$500,000; 8,500 men lost this and much more the law committee of the \$78,000 wages: the railroad companies lost \$208.-Liederkranz has related in papers of protest, 100; the theaters. \$00,000; the stores in the shop-ping districts, \$150,000—and yet it was a failure. which will be laid before Mayor Grant and the police commissioners. Special proceedings are threatened against Captain Reilly, of the pre--As the result of an election wager,

Charles Hindman, of Chicago, is now engaged in a weary tramp from that city to Washington via New Orleans. He is now somewhere in the interior of Georgia. Mr. Hindman has worn out three pairs of shoes since he began his at war with the Central Railway of New Jersey. -It is against the law in Mexico for any Connor's country place at Low Moor. The

one to read a newspaper aloud; but no one cares for that, as few people want to read them anyhow. You can get more news in Mexico by sitting down half an hour at a popular cafe than you could get by reading a Mexican paper land. The railway company at once sent to Low Moor a train loaded with track-layers and -A very pretty incident occurred at Athens, Ga., the other day. At an afternoon

> hymn was being sung a little canary bird, which had been quiet during the meeting, joined in with the singing, and continued his soft, mellow notes until the song had been fin--A young man of Cobb county, Ga., visited Atlanta recently and spent the night seeing the sights. When he got back home he was telling his folks of what he saw. "The

> prayer meeting held at a private house, as a

election lights was just the prettiest thing you ever saw, and I went to that big, fine building and rode up in the evaporator." He is going again and take his friends. Exchange this morning that the Pig Iron Trust -Among the countries in which woman suffrage in one form or another prevails are: England, Scotland, Wales, Sweden, Russia, tipulate that no company shall place iron Engand, Scottand, Wates, Sweden, Russia, Austria-Hungary, Croatia, Dalmatia, Italy, British Burmah, Madras Presidency, Bonabay Presidency, Russian Asia, Tasmania, Iceland, New Zealand, Victoria, New South Wales, Queensland and South Australia. ands of any other warrant company. It is also stipulated that the producer is to pay yardage at the rate of 25 cents per ton and 2

-Queen Victoria is so fond of fresh air that she is in the habit of sleeping with open windows even in the dead of winter. The Empress Maria Theresa, of Austria, was more peculiar in this respect. Her writing table, even in winter, was close to the open window and the falling snow often drifted in and fell on the paper on which she wrote. It frequently happened that the hands of the hairdresser were partly frozen while attending to Majesty's coiffure. -The disappearance and rescue of Captain

Pruden in Montana, who was lost from camp

recently, in company with a Government mule, was an exciting and pecular adventure. Pruden was found by Fire Wolf, one of the Cheyenne scouts sent out to look for him. He had been lost ten cays, and in all that time had nothing to eat. The mule was set free to graze every day, and at night returned to the place where Pruden was and ho its warmth kent the man anged himself in Brooklyn night before last, Pruden was, and by its warmth kept the -That old soldiers are treated well in Maine is hown by the following facts: The Maine State treasurer, land agent, bank examiner, insurance commissioner, reporter of decisions,

superintendent of public buildings, one rail-road commissioner, secretary of the Senate, beside the pension clerk, one clerk in the State Treasury, one in secretary of State's office, clerk in the adjutant general's office, messenger of the House of Representatives and most of the messengers, workmen and watchmen about the State House were all soldiers in the late war. -Says a writer in a Chicago paper: "The ministers of New York seem to be, on the whole, obscure. I have on many occasions the names of a dozen New York clergymen? I have sometimes set the number at ten, but never that I now recall have I been able to find a person in Chicago or elsewhere who could name to me at once ten New York clergymen, And yet in this city of New York are I know

not how many churches." It may seem unkind to quote the remark, "Not to have known them argues thyself unknown," but it is ap--An electrical attachment has been demen. The Judge saw the whisky and the cigars, and immediately ordered the novelist off to the tembs for contempt of court. vised which may be applied to an ordinary clock for awaking a sleeper at any given time the contrivance thus taking the place of the ordinary alarm clock that needs to be wound up the night before it is to give forth its sound. This electrical clock is so constructed that it can be set to any given five minutes of each hour, the bell beginning to ring at that time, and continuing to ring until the switch is turned to cut off the electric current. There is, of course, no call for winding an alarm where this device is employed, it being only necessary on going to bed to turn the switch, thus allowing the circuit to be completed at the time the bell is to ring. In this arrangement the clock and battery are made in a compact form, the cell of the battery being enclosed in the clock case.

the clock case. -The Microscopical Journal says that in order to draw pictures by means of the camera lucida without straining the eyes, it is essential that the microscopical image and the p and easel be uniformly illuminated. If image has, in comparison with the paper, too strong a light, the pencil will be seen with difstrong a light, the pencil will be seen with difficulty, if at all—on the contrary, if the paper, in comparison with the image, be too strongly illuminated, the delicate outlines of the latter will prove indistinct. This difficulty may be remedied by tifrowing either the image or the paper into the shadow, and both may be done simply with the hand, or by a properly constructed screen of paper, or by a disk of pasteboard set up at some distance, and the like. A few trials made with the microscope with different degrees of magnification will be found to afford the necessary experience for managing the light in a satisfactory manner. It is, of course, essential, in tracing the outlines of the image, under the camera, that the pencil em-

# mage, under the camera, that the pencil em-doved be not too hard, and the lines should be REVERIES OF A PHILOSOPHER.

An intermittent ache is like a serial Men lose less sleep from troubled con-

sciences than from poor cooking The third party may be useful in politics, but it can be dispensed with in courtabl Troubles are said to come in pairs, but the

first of all human troubles came in apple The fortune-hunter is not so much taken with pretty faces as with handsome figures-say Some people are glad that we are having an open winter, but they should remember that spring won't come till the open winter is closed.

The professional juror would experience fewer trials in life if he pursued some other bus ness; but he hasn't a mind to do anything else. THE IDIOTS. Now idiots their cents are spending

('Tis hard to tell with what design)
For envelopes and stamps and sending
To friends the ''comic' valentine. A FEBRUARY DAY. At morn the feathery snowfiakes filled the

air, At noon great clouds of dust began to fly, At eve the sun came out; 'twas warm and fair At night the stars shone in a cloudless sky, Not the Fighting Kind.-Smith-Yes you see strange things in a smoking car.

S.—There was this morning. Two men got into J .- Yes? S .- Yes: they called each other by the vilest of

names, sneaks, skins, chumps, snoozers, soakers, and so forth. I thought every moment they would J.—And didn't they fight?

8.—No; you see they were pugilists.

Real Life.-Country editor-What are You busy with, my dear?
Country editor's wife—I am writing some cooking recipes for your Housewife's column.
C. E.—Uh, yes. Giving us something nice this C. E.'s W .- Yes. I am just giving direction

C. E.'s W.—Ics. I am just giving directions how to boil a Westphalia has in sherry and serve it with appropriate garnishings. I have also a new method for making pate de foi gras.
C. E.—Indeed! Weil, after you get through, dear, I wish you would fry that liver and pork that Phought for dinner, for I'm feeling mighty

-All from the Boston Courses